

## **Short-handed Red goes 3-2 at Omaha**

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The Red (8-3) salvaged their visit to Nebraska June 21-24 with a strong finish in an 11-1 thrashing of one of the host teams, PI Midwest, to close out the road-trip at the Worth College World Series tournament with a 3-2 record.

What better guy to lead that final charge than Seth Rosin. His five-inning three-hitter included an unearned run, no walks and three strikeouts in front of a great crowd including plenty of scouts.

Meanwhile his teammates were pounding out hit after hit led by Brett Cleveringa (3 for 4, HR, 4-RBI). His two-run blast put the Red in front 3-0 in the top of the first. The Red plated four in each of the next two innings.

Also with a multiple hit finish were Brandon Porten (3 for 3, 2B, RBI), Billy Gazich (2 for 2, 2-BB, 3-R, SB) and Joe Colwell (2 for 3, 2B).

Bjorn Anderson (2-R, 2-RBI), Erik Anderson (BB, RBI) and Blake Searles (3B, RBI) added one hit apiece.

The day before, the Red's Erik Fiegel made his starting debut going a solid six innings with five strikeouts in the 12-8 victory over the Boise (ID) Capitals.

Erik Anderson went 2 for 5 with two RBI on a triple and home run. The solo homer arrived in the fifth. Also in the seven-run fifth, Chase Traeger (1 for 3, 2-BB, 2B, 3-RBI) had a full-count, three-run double.

On the second day of the tourney, June 22, the Red outlasted Fargo 13-10. A pair of moon shots in the fourth gave Tri-City a 7-5 lead and they never looked back. Gazich (2B, HR, 5-RBI) had a three-run blast and Cleveringa (2B, HR, 3-RBI), a two-run shot. Traeger (3-RBI) and Fiegel (2-RBI) each had two hits. Porten earned the win and Colwell got the save.

The other two tilts, both against Colorado teams, ended in defeat: 9-1 to Denver Khaos in five innings June 22 and 7-1 to Ft. Collins June 21.

The Red only took 12 of their 16 players on the trip because of all-star game commitments.

"The dirty dozen played pretty hard," manager Jeff Larsen said. "They faced some pretty tough pitching. The nice thing was to move them around and have them play different positions. I think they made a good showing."

They were able to witness a good show as well, with the team using available down time to attend the College World Series.

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**Tri-City Red 11, PI Midwest (Omaha) 1, 5 inn. (Game 11)**

TCR	3	4	4	0	0	—	11	13	2
Omaha (PI Midwest)	1	0	0	0	0	—	1	3	1

Rosin and E. Anderson; Waldron, Harmelink (5) and Dare. W-Rosin (2-0).

L-Waldron.